No, Sir. Only 12 proposals amounting to Rs. 28.85 crore have been received in the Ministry for in principle approval under Inter State Connectivity Scheme for the year 2006-07.

(b) No, Sir. Since 2001-02 Ministry has accorded in principal approval to 13 proposals, amounting to Rs. 36.54 crore under Inter State Connectivity Scheme. Out of these, ten proposals amounting to Rs. 22.42 crore have been sanctioned; two proposals amounting to Rs. 13.19 crore were returned to the State Government for modification. One proposal amounting to Rs. 0.70 crore, which was agreed in principle for widening, could not be sanctioned, since work of widening has already been carried out by State Government from other resources.

(c) Proposals received from Government of Rajasthan for in principal approval are being examined along with proposals of other States and the same will be considered depending upon *inter-se* priority and availability of funds.

Four-laning of National Highway Nos. 11,12 and 14

2198. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Rajasthan have sent a proposal to the Central Government for four-laning of Jaipur-Reengus-Seekar i.e. National Highway No. 11 Jaipur-Tonk-Kota-Jhalawad i.e National Highway No. 12 upto Madhya Pradesh border and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi i.e. National Highway No. 14; and

(b) if so, by when these National Highways would be four-laned?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Reengus-Sikar section of National Highway (NH) 11 and Tonk-Kota-Jhalawar section of NH 12 have been approved for inclusion under NHDP Phase III by the Government. These sections have now been included in NHDP Phase IllA and are targeted for upgradation (four-laning) by December, 2009 by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on BOT basis Jaipur-Reengus section of NH 11, Jaipur-Tonk section of NH 12 and Beawar-Pali-Sirohi-Pindwara section of NH 14 are at present included under NHDP Phase IIIB for preparation of Detailed

Project Report (DPR) by NHAI. It is too early to indicate time-frame for upgradation of these sections.

Regarding four-laning of the Jhalawar-MP border section of NH 12, this section is not included under NHDP Phase III.

Recovery of toll tax

2199. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of recovery of amount with interest spent on continuation of Banas bridge on National Highway No. 12 and proximity of toll plaza at R.O.B. Kishangarh along National Highway No. 8 the Government of Rajasthan has requested to discontinue the recovery of toll tax; and

(b) if so, by when the said recovery would be discontinued and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter regarding discontinuation of toll collection on Banas bridge at km. 89 on National Highway No. 12 is under consideration as per National Highways Act. Decision in this regard is likely to be taken soon. Regarding discontinuing of toll collection at ROB Kishangarh at km 368.020 of National Highway No. 8 it has not been agreed to as per National Highways Act. State Government has been informed accordingly on 13th April, 2006.

Special team of road marshals

2200. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highway Authority of India is planning to set up a special team of road marshals to ensure round the clock surveillance of the Delhi-Gurgaon Expressway;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this team would ensure smooth traffic flow and timely report on accidents and road maintenance needs etc.; and